

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A biometric data submission system comprising:
input means for accepting the biometric data, wherein said input means comprises:
electronic data acceptance means for receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric
data, and physical data acceptance means for receiving physical biometric data and for
converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage;
quality check means for verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard for processing by a third-party;
communication means for sending the verified biometric data to the third-party for the processing and for accepting processing results; and
database means for storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

Claim 2 (Cancelled):

Claim 3 (original): The biometric data submission system of claim 1 further comprising billing means for monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data and for associating charges with said submissions and processing.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The biometric data submission system of claim 3, wherein said communication means sends the biometric data for processing after the billing means detects a sufficient balance for an associated submitter to pay for said charges.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (original): The biometric data submission system of claim 1, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).

Claim 7 (currently amended): A program storage medium readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a machine to perform a biometric

data submission method, the method having steps comprising:

accepting the biometric data, wherein the accepting comprises receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric data and receiving physical biometric data and converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage;

verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard for processing by a third-party;

sending the verified biometric data to the third-party for the processing and for accepting processing results; and

storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (original): The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby the performed biometric data submission method further comprises:

monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data, and
associating charges with said submissions and processing.

Claim 10 (original): The program storage medium of claim 9, whereby the performed biometric data submission method further comprises delaying the biometric data for processing until detection of a sufficient balance to pay for said charges.

Claim 11 (cancelled):

Claim 12 (original): The program storage medium of claim 7, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).

Claim 13 (currently amended): A biometric data submission method comprising:
accepting the biometric data, wherein the step of accepting the biometric data comprises receiving and accepting electronically stored biometric data, and receiving physical biometric data and converting said physical data to an electronic format for storage;

verifying that the biometric data conforms to a submission standard for processing by a third-party;

sending the verified biometric data to the third-party for the processing and for

accepting processing results; and
storing the verified biometric data and the processing results.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (original): The biometric data submission method of claim 13 further comprising:

monitoring submissions and processing of said biometric data, and
associating charges with said submissions and processing.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The biometric data submission method of claim 15, wherein the biometric data is sent for processing after the billing means detects a sufficient balance for an associated submitter to pay for said charges.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (original): The biometric data submission method of claim 13, whereby said submission standard is Electronic Fingerprint Transmission Specification (EFTS).

Claim 19 (new): The biometric data submission system of claim 1, wherein when the quality check means determines that the biometric data is not conforming to the submission standard, the input means acquires additional biometric data.

Claim 20 (new): The biometric data submission system of claim 1 wherein the biometric data is for a potential airport employee.

Claim 21 (new): The program storage medium of claim 7, wherein when the verifying step determines that the biometric data is not conforming to the submission standard, the accepting step comprises acquires additional biometric data.

Claim 22 (new): The program storage medium of claim 7, wherein the biometric data is for a potential airport employee.

Claim 23 (new): The biometric data submission method of claim 13, wherein when the verifying step determines that the biometric data is not conforming to the submission standard, the accepting step comprises acquires additional biometric data.

Claim 24 (new): The biometric data submission method of claim 13 wherein the biometric data is for a potential airport employee.